

The Hans Christian Andersen Awards 1992

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The Hans Christian Andersen Awards are given biennially by the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) to an author and to an illustrator, living at the time of the nomination, who by the outstanding value of their work are judged to have made a lasting contribution to literature for children and young people. The complete works of the author and of the illustrator are taken into consideration in awarding the medal, which will be accompanied by a diploma. The Andersen Award is the highest international distinction given in children's literature. The Author's Award was created in 1956. The Illustrator's Award has been awarded since 1966. Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II of Denmark, is Patron of the Hans Christian Andersen Awards.

Every two years, the National Sections of IBBY are invited to nominate one author and one illustrator as candidates. An international jury of ten members, elected from nominations by IBBY National Sections, chooses the winners after a study of the candidates original works, extensive documentation and two-day jury deliberations. The jury judges the books accord-

ing to literary and artistic criteria which are discussed before every jury meeting. At the discretion of the jury the distinction "Highly Commended" may also be awarded. The 1992 Hans Christian Andersen Jury was chaired by Eva Glistrup (Denmark). The members were Amalia Bermejo Gordon (Spain), Jeffrey Garrett (United States), Soraya Ghezelayagh (Iran), Andreas Jaaksoo (Estonia), Elisabeth Kulling (Switzerland), Kyoko Matsuoka (Japan), Peter Schneck (Austria) and Jens Thiele (Germany), and, ex officio, the President of IBBY, Ronald Jobe (Canada).

This brochure presents all the candidates submitted for the 1992 Hans Christian Andersen Awards with a short bio-bibliography. The winners, Virginia Hamilton of the United States and Kveta Pacovska of Czecho-Slovakia, are introduced first, then the "highly commended" author Hooshang Moradi Kermani of Iran. They are followed by the author nominees and then by the illustrator nominees in alphabetical order by country. The aim of the publication is to make all these authors and illustrators, who have made an important contribution to children's literature, more widely known internationally and to encourage translations of their works.

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